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PEN Literary Greats To Gather Here June 12

The world's literary greats will gather here from June 12 to 18 at the 34th International PEN Congress, the first such session to be held in the United States in 42 years. Among the literary notables expected to attend will be Guenter Grass, Graham Greene, Ignazio Silone, Pablo Neruda and Murial Spark.

Host will be Lewis Galentiere, president of the PEN American Center. PEN is a world association of poets, playwrights, essayists, editors and novelists in 56 countries.

"Exciting and gratifying as it will be to welcome these literary greats," Galentiere said, "what is ultimately more important for America is that the majority of writers from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America will be

getting their initial first-hand impressions of the United States. And it is these writers who often establish the moral climate and shape the opinion in their own countries."

Miller to Speak

Arthur Miller, president of PEN International, will address the session on June 13 at the Loeb Student Center at New York University where the week-long series of discussions will be held.

The theme of the congress, "The Writer as Independent Spirit," will be reviewed at four round-table sessions during the week.

Other among the 150 delegates expected are Edward Albee, Saul Bellow, Norman Cousins, Leon Edel, Ralph Ellison, Norman Mailer and William L. Shirer.